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## Storm Kicks Up Over Wheelwright Riding Rid

The repeated attempts by the Cohasset Riding Club and their subsequent failures to quell the flying dust by watering and by recently laying a "rotten stone" covering over portions of the ring, brought 40 concerned residents, riders and parents to air the matter at last week's Selectmen's meeting.

Selectmen have agreed to allow an oil treatment on the Wheelwright Park town riding ring.

Should town or state officials feel that the oil is creating any pollution or ill effects to the environment all oiled sand must be removed.

Despite the heat, adults and

children stood in the crowded Selectmen's office for an hour, debating the question of cil applications to the ring and its effects on the environment.

Sally Davenport, spokesman for the group, reiterated the Club's research on the efficacy of the oil application. She said they found tha. application of oil with sand or stone dust was the only procedure that would work. The Club has checked the problem with the Water Department, the Conservation Commission, and the Water Resources Commission of the state Division of Water Pollution Control. Il have given approval, Davenport said.

she noted in p approval of the engineer from the water Resources Commission. That decision was based on the condition that drainage characteristics will not change, ponded precipitation at the northeast corner of the horse ring will not contain free floating oil, and that whenever residues of oil do appear at that location measures will be taken to contain and remove them.

The most recent opinion from the Conservation Commission was that a small (two barrels worth of low grade water-based oil) amount of oil, well worked in, wouldn't travel horizontally nor cross North Main Street. Davenport also showed pictures of an oiled ring which displayed no damage to vegetation, even though the ring lies below the majority of the property.

"There is very little damaging effect to the environment and we felt it would be the best answer," she said. "It is the only possible solution."

A petition from 25 residents in the area opposed the oil treatment. Arthur Lehr of North Main Street felt that the placing of oil in Wheelwright

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BEATING HEAT — Nancy Salesky and Patrick Donovan share a refreshing dip at the Swim Center as one way to beat the weather while Jim McCarthy prefers the ocean at Sandy Beach and even is cool enough to play ball.

#### Disco Fever Hits But Alls Cool

Disco fever hit Cohasset Winter Gardens Saturday night. Everyone kept his cool, though, as the temperatures necessary to maintain the ice provided the 300 skaters and dancers with a needed respite from the three week heat wave.

The extensive lighting system and largely disco music program transformed the otherwise somber 85' by 185' skating rink into a swirling, kaleidescopic carousel. Skaters spun round and round, while those who chose to keep their shoes on their feet danced on a non-slip carpeted dance floor at center ice.

It was a little too cool for disco garb, during the two and a half hour session DJed by Bill Stephen of WVBF (F 105), unless skaters followed Stephen's commands to "change polarities," reverse direction

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### **Cohasset Cool To Hull Casino Prospects**

By Tanna Kasperowicz

Last week the Legislature's Government Regulations Committee recommended a bill that would create a gaming control commission and allow casinos in Berkshire and Barnstable counties. As presently drafted the bill would not permit casinos in Norfolk or Plymouth counties, but proponents of the bill say it will be ammended to include Plymouth County, and that it will have a local option clause.

Although in 1977 Hull voters supported a non-binding gaming resolution 2-1, most state and local officials feel it is unlikely that Hull would ever be chosen as a casino site. Nevertheless, a Springfield developer has offered to buy the 58-acre Hall Estate in Hull (near West

Corner) for a casino site.

And the fact remains that some South Shore residents have long lamented the lack of a convention hotel in the area as a year-round drawing card. But hotel chains are not

interested in building in any area without a drawing card. Casinos are the new drawing cards.

Some proponents of the present gaming bill feel that the energy crisis may have an

effect on the legislators' mood when the bill comes up for a vote (this present session is not expected to deal with it. The bill will now go to the

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#### John Carzis Dead At 79

By Judith Epstein

John Carzis was a man with an eye for potentiality; a man who had made a million, lost it, and made it back again several times. He died at his home at the age of 79, after a long illness.

Long known as a restaurateur, and with plans of continuing his culinary excellence in a hotel-restaurant-marina complex on the Boston waterfront, he probably most gained his reputation as the 30-year owner of Hugo's Lighthouse Restaurant in Cohasset Harbor.

"He loved that place," said Joanne Winters, Carzis' function manager for 15 years. "He was never not there. He was there all day, seven days a week. He demanded a lot and he got it," she said. "Above

all, he believed in himself."

Carzis' devotion to work was clearly visible. He used to proudly escort new acquaintances through the Lighthouse's many dining rooms, pointing out the shimmering water view from vast windows and the place where boaters could temporarily moor their craft while enjoying his cuisine

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